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Please find a Response to Restriction Requirement transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO APRIL 21, 2005 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

This paper is filed in response to the April 21, 2005 restriction requirement, which set a one month period of response, extending to and including May 21, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants are timely submitting this response.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group II, Claims 1 and 4-7, drawn to a decarbamylase crystal having space groups $P2_12_12_1$ and an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2. This election is made without prejudice to the filing of divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected inventions.

Prompt consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.
If there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is
invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this case.

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